

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions of Claims in the Application.

1. (canceled).
2. (currently amended) A method for ~~controlling~~ increasing the rate of hair growth in a dog or cat that has been subjected to direct hair modification ~~in need thereof and which receive a properly nutritious diet~~ comprising feeding the dog or cat a properly nutritious diet comprising from about 0.5 ~~0.4~~ to about 4.5 mg of selenium per kg of the diet on a dry matter basis.
3. (canceled).
4. (canceled).
5. (canceled).
6. (canceled).
7. (canceled).
8. (new) The method of claim 2 wherein said direct hair modification is clipping.